

May 28, 2013 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors Work Session

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors

Work Session Meeting

May 28, 2013 6:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a public work session Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Rick Baer, John Alleman, Pat Heraty, Sylvia House, Brad Graham and Jennifer Becknell.

Heraty called the Work Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

House began the work session with a discussion about our current Amusement License process. House read off some of the requirements for an Amusement License, which are: the license is currently \$10.00, the license requires insurance in the amount of \$100,000 for one person and \$500,000 for any one accident, Financial Security in the amount of \$25,000; and copies of any State or Federal Permit that may be required. House went on to explain that the Township typically never receives all these items in time, and that is becoming increasingly difficult for event promoters to secure the financial security. House requested that the Amusement License fee be increased to be more in line with other permits we issue. After much discussion, the Supervisors gave House direction to proceed with changing the Ordinance by eliminating the requirement of Financial Security. However, the Supervisors do want the application to be signed by the property owner and contain language that the property owner will reimburse the Township of any costs incurred, legal or other wise, as a result of their event. The Supervisors will make a motion at their Regular session, scheduled after this meeting to increase the Amusement License fee.

The next item on the agenda concerns well water regulations. House stated that the Township has dealt with a lot of problems with wells lately and that the Township has the ability via Chapter 110 to require a permit before drilling a well. House reviewed the section on well water regulations. After discussion, the Supervisors clarified that once a well permit is issued, the Township would hand them over to the Building Code Officials for inspection of the wells. The Supervisors gave the direction to proceed in the Ordinance by enforcing the already written provision in our regulations. The Supervisors will make a motion at their Regular session, scheduled after this meeting, in regards to the well permit fees to be set. The fees are as follows: \$35.00 for Residential and \$50.00 for Commercial.

Next, House reviewed with the Supervisors a DEP letter received concerning our Burning Ordinance. The letter is a result of the burning complaints in State Line. In the letter, DEP suggested (not requiring) that we adopt a public nuisance ordinance to address illegal dumping and burning. House informed the Supervisors that we already comply with Acts as cited by DEP in our Chapter 118 entitled "Solid Waste". The persons at 15528 Pennsylvania Avenue were burning brush, which is acceptable to the Township.

The final item on the agenda was the update on Land Development Chapter. House reported that in relation to Conservation practices, the Ordinance Review Committee have included regulations for Primary Conservation Areas, Historical Properties, Pedestrian Pathways and Bike Trails, Woodland Preservation and Green Designs. House stated that these areas will be reflected on the official map and backed up with our ordinances to require their preservation or construction and interconnection. The Development Layout breaks down how streets and lots shall be laid out in a development. Next House reviewed streets, driveways, parking, loading/unloading, curbs and sidewalk specifications. This

section designates the classification of a street and how they should be constructed. It also covers when bike lanes and sidewalks are needed and how they should be constructed. The Supervisors agreed to consider using shared use paths away from the road that can be used by walkers, bikers, or other types of pedestrian traffic instead of separate bike lanes and sidewalks. Supervisor Baer stated that he still would like to see the 2" wearing course verses the proposed 1 ½" depth. All of the Supervisors present agreed that the sub-grade and base are the most critical component in making the blacktop.

Pat Heraty left the meeting at approximately 6:45.

The Work Session continued on past 7:00 since there was not a quorum to start the regular meeting. Chair Fred Young arrived at 7:28.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 3-0 to adjourn the Work Session at 7:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Secretary